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U.S. SENATE UPDATE: FEINSTEIN COURTING GAY & LESBIAN VOTERS IN BATTLE AGAINST SEYMOUR. Demo U.S. Senate candidate Dianne Feinstein is making a very serious effort to win the support of CA's large and politically active GAY & LESBIAN community. If you go by the 10% rule, then there are perhaps 1.3 million gay & lesbian voters in CA. Others don't buy that figure, but it's a large political group who back their candidates with votes and MONEY...

...Given the bitterness over Gov. Pete Wilson's 1991 veto of AB 101 (the so-called Gay Bill of Rights), there's very little doubt that gay & lesbian DEMOCRATS will overwhelmingly back DiFi over Wilson's appointee, U.S. Sen. John Seymour(R). But what about gay & lesbian REPUBLICANS???

...To say that gay Republicans were shell shocked at Wilson's veto of AB 101 is an understatement. Gay GOPers, who some believe backed Wilson over DiFi in the 1990 governor's race by a 98% to 2% margin, were outraged. Wilson had met with and courted gay Republicans in 1989-90 and had given assurances that he would sign an AB 101-type bill. There is even some evidence that significant numbers of gay DEMOCRATS voted for Wilson over DiFi in 1990, based on those same assurances...

...As for Seymour, once appointed to the U.S. Senate, he too made overtures to gay Republican voters and PROMISED to support AB 101. But on the day before the Wilson veto, Seymour FLIP-FLOPPED and announced his opposition. Gay Republicans haven't forgotten or forgiven. DiFi's recent letter aimed at gays outlines all of this and promises to battle for passage of S. 574, a bill to ban job and housing discrimination based on sexual orientation...

...Gay GOP sources tell CALPEEK that significant numbers of gay Republicans will support Seymour in November, despite his AB 101 flip, BUT that a majority of gay Republicans will vote for DiFi. In terms of numbers, gay GOP sources think there are between 250,000 to 350,000 gay Republican voters in Calif...

...FYI: The Log Cabin Clubs, gay Republican clubs, did NOT endorse Seymour or anyone else in the June GOP primary for the 2-yr. seat. HOWEVER, sources tell CALPEEK that large numbers of gay GOP voters ended up supporting Jim Trinity, the fourth candidate in that GOP primary, who didn't even show up in the polling. Trinity got 13% or 286,715 raw votes and finished in 3rd --- ahead of Bill Allen. Stay tuned...

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CALPEEK VACATION TIME - We're taking off the week of July 20th, meaning this issue of CALPEEK will be the last one for July. Our next issue will be dated August 3rd...

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CAMPAIGN '92: UPDATE ON KEY NOV. 3 RACES. Editor's note: This week CALPEEK focuses on the 42nd and 22nd C.D.s, and the 15th S.D., plus some odds & ends...

- 42nd C.D. - This is the Inland Empire district of Demo U.S. Rep. George Brown --- always a favorite target of the GOP. The district still has a Demo registration edge of 51.81% to 39.02% GOP, but the key city of RIVERSIDE is missing from the C.D. This may be significant down the road. Regardless, Brown has proved to be a tough opponent for the Republicans. In 1990, the GOP felt San Bernardino Co. Sup. Bob Hammock might be the guy to finally beat Brown. He got only 47.3% to Brown's 52.7%...

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...Hammock wanted a second shot at Brown in this new 42nd, but was UPSET by aviation hero/fresh-face-in-politics Dick Rutan. But Rutan's savvy campaign manager, Bob Gouty, won't be running the fall campaign. Instead it will be Emil Franzi of Tucson, who Gouty recruited. CALPEEK insiders are not sure what this change will do...

...As for Brown, he could be vulnerable given the new turf of the 42nd, PLUS his 26 overdrafts at the House Bank. But Brown's big advantage is a veteran campaign team that has been with him in the last 3 elections -- Richard Schlackman on direct mail; Austin-Sheinkopf as general consultants; and Fairbank, Maullin & Assoc. doing the polling. A solid team, thus an edge to Brown --- for now...

• 22nd C.D. - Still no word from GOP U.S. Rep. Bob Lagomarsino on whether or not he'll go along with the wishes of angry supporters who want to move forward with a WRITE-IN campaign for the fall. Lago was the only incumbent GOP congressman who lost a primary. The GOP winner was Michael Huffington. The group urging the write-in is called the Alternative Candidate Committee, chaired by former Lago aide Mike Long and GOP activist Steve Decker. This group HAS money because it has paid for 3 ads in the Santa Barbara News Press (3/4 page ad size) and that's not cheap. The committee's number is (805)565-3666. Santa Barbara County GOP chair Diane Bowers wrote Lago and urged him to abide by the primary results (she was a Huffington supporter). In a rather nasty rely letter, Lago basically told Bowers to stuff it. From the tone of the letter, it sounds to CALPEEK like Lago is in a fighting mood. As might be expected, Demo nominee Gloria Ochoa is keeping a watchful eye on these developments. If the Lago write-in goes forward, Ochoa has a shot at an upset...

• 15th S.D. - Is veteran Demo State Sen. Henry Mello of Watsonville in political hot water? That's a question which is still up in the air, but in the Demo primary, Salinas businessman Martin Vonnegut pulled 43% of the vote, against Mello who spent about $100,000 on TV, signs and mail. Four major newspapers ENDORSED Vonnegut - the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, the S.F. Chronicle, the Santa Cruz Sentinel and the Salinas Californian. The editorials stressed the need for NEW BLOOD in the legislature. So perhaps Mello is caught in this anti-incumbent mood which is so evident in 1992...

...The GOP nominee is Edward Laverone, a Santa Clara Co. deputy sheriff. Yes, he is conservative and opposes ABORTION, but says he is not part of the religious right. In fact, he says the legislature has no business writing a law on abortion and that such a law ought to be left up to the voters. So far, Laverone has not shown that he can raise large amounts of money, but that might not be necessary if Mello's numbers don't improve. Up to now Laverone has been content to hit Mello with a reprint of a Dan Walters column that says the veteran senator is a "walking or waddling advertisement for legislative term limits." Mello political consultant Larry Sheingold will undoubtedly figure out what has to be done to improve Mello's standing. And for now, CALPEEK rates Mello with an edge in this 50.78% Demo vs. 33.28% GOP district...

• ODDS & ENDS. State Sen. Ken Maddy's top AA Ron Rogers recently took a leave to run the CA operation of Russo, Marsh & Associates, while owners Sal Russo and Tony Marsh worked on the Perot presidential campaign. BUT as CALPEEK readers know, the Perot presidential effort ended as of July 16th. When Russo & Marsh signed on with Perot, there was an organized effort to persuade the firm's GOP clients to jump ship. Several did, including Assembly candidates Dick Rainey(15th A.D.) and Ted Weggeland (64th A.D.). With Russo and Marsh on their way back to Sacramento, it remains to be seen if they can recoup their business in time for the November election. It is not clear yet what Rogers will do, but we'll keep you posted. Stay tuned...

H&K's ROBERT GRAY SPEAKS TO L.A. PA GROUP. Robert Gray, chairman of Hill & Knowlton, Washington D.C., will discuss 1992 presidential politics -- "Thoughts from Inside the Beltway" --- when he addresses members of the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn., 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, July 23, The Jonathan Club, L.A. For info and RSVPs, contact Frances Williams at (213) 483-1581...

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LOCAL ELECTIONS '92: CITY-COUNTY ROUNDUP. Editor's note: Here is a brief report on some CITY and COUNTY elections...

• L.A. MAYOR'S RACE - Although this contest won't take place until April of 1993, sources say Demo Assemblyman Richard Katz will have filed a declaration of intent to solicit funds in this race by the time this issue of CALPEEK hits the street. This declaration is filed with the city's Ethics Commission. Formal declarations of intent to run for mayor are filed with the city clerk from Jan. 20-25, 1993...

• SAN DIEGO MAYOR'S RACE - County Sup. Susan Golding has beefed up her campaign team with the addition of her former top AA when she was a councilwoman (1981-83): Dan McAllister. He'll serve as daily manager and press spokesperson. The rest of the team remains in place -- Tom Shepard, George Gorton and Dresner-Sykes...

...The addition to the Golding team comes at a time when the city's movers & shakers are increasingly worried about the candidacy of controlled-growth advocate Peter Navarro, who finished first in the city's primary. FYI: Navarro's team is back in the field walking precincts...

• EL DORADO COUNTY - Incumbent Supes Vernon Gerwer and James Sweeney were mashed in their reelection bids on June 2nd and a third supervisor, Bob Dorr, is in the a hot runoff and may not survive. What we're seeing is more voter dissatisfaction in these small northern Calif. counties. As for a specific cause of voter unrest, one source told CALPEEK that the anti-incumbent fever is caused by uncontrolled GROWTH and concerns over water. As for Gerwer, Sweeney and Dorr, one CALPEEK source said these 3 "never saw a development project that they didn't like." Dorr got only 24.4% of the vote and came in SECOND to first-place finisher William Bradley, who spent only $8,500 -- compared to about $40,000 that Dorr spent. Bradley received 38.5% of the vote. In the other two races, teacher Ray Nutting faces businessman Bill Bergmeister (Gerwer came in 3rd); and attorney J. Mark Nielsen faces businesswoman Carol Lewis, a slow-growth advocate (Sweeney came in 3rd in this race)...

• SAN DIEGO COUNTY - In the battle to replace Susan Golding on the Board of Supes, the early "line" listed San Diego Councilwoman Judy McCarty as a solid favorite. But in a crowded June primary, she got only 29% and now faces a runoff with Encinitas Councilwoman Pam Slater, who got 27%. Some CALPEEK sources say there is grumbling from McCarty supporters, unhappy over her showing in June, but there have been no shake ups in the campaign. Consultant John Kern is still in charge. Behind the scenes, the McCarty camp is getting ready for the fall by targeting precincts and setting up fundraising events. Kern tells CALPEEK the campaign will be tough, but winnable. Latest piece of good news for McCarty was the endorsement of libertarian candidate Dick Rider, who got 20% in the primary...

...As for Slater, she's still got an uphill fight, but has pieced together some impressive endorsements from PORAC, the Deputy Sheriffs' Assn., the Sierra Club, the AFL-CIO, SEIU and a string of editorial endorsements from beach city newspapers. It is also possible she may get some help along the way from Peter Navarro, the mayoral candidate, even though Slater endorsed Golding very early in the campaign. Slater's campaign is managed by The Primacy Group. Stay tuned...

CITY & COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES: PREVIEW. Editor's note: Here is an update on some local ballot measures which may face voters in the fall...

• L.A. CITY - The dust has yet to settle on a scheme to raise the city's property tax to pay for 1,000 more police officers. Opposition to this plan is growing and insiders tell CALPEEK that this controversial proposal WON'T fly with voters. And a proposal to undercut Richard Riordan's term limit measure for city officials failed to get enough council votes to make the November ballot...

• SANTA MONICA - The council wants to place an initiative on the November ballot to raise the pay for councilmembers from $50 per month to $600. The city attorney is drafting language...

• WEST HOLLYWOOD - When CALPEEK did that story about CARD CLUBS, we didn't know about a new effort now in the circulation

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stage to allow the Cavendish West Bridge Club to expand their operation. Cavendish proponent Jerry Gould tried to get city voters to approve a poker club about two years ago, but failed. This new effort specifically bans POKER, but does allow PAN --- "The IN card game." We'll keep you posted. Stay tuned...

EU ASSIGNS NUMBERS TO 1992 BALLOT MEASURES. CA Sec. of State March Fong Eu has assigned numbers to 13 ballot measures which will appear on the Nov. 3rd ballot. Here's the rundown:

- 155 - School Facility Bonds.
- 156 - Rail Passenger & Clean Air Bond Act of 1992.
- 157 - Termination of Toll Highways.
- 158 - Office of CA Analyst.
- 159 - Auditor General: Joint Legislative Audit Cmt.
- 160 - Property Taxation, Veterans Exemption, Surviving Spouse.
- 161 - Death With Dignity (Init.)
- 162 - Pension Protection Act (Init.)
- 163 - Snack Tax Repeal (Init.)
- 164 - Term Limits (Init.)
- 165 - Wilson Welfare Initiative
- 166 - CMA's Health Care (Init.)
- 167 - Tax The Rich (Init.)

...As CALPEEK went to press, the School Voucher Initiative Committee was attempting to win a spot on the Nov. 3rd ballot via the CA Supreme Court. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's ELECTION GUIDE IN PREPARATION. CALPEEK is in the process of putting together our 1992 Election Guide. It will include all Demo & GOP match ups for House & Legislative seats. We'll also include phone numbers for U.S. Senate candidates and ballot measures. FYI: you have CALPEEK's okay to copy this guide and send it to all your friends & relatives...

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NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES. Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Political consultant Barbara Johnson has departed from L.A. DA Ira Reiner's office and has been hired to work on the U.S. Senate campaign of Barbara Boxer(D)...

- UPI/Sacto bureau chief Chris Chrystal gets PA job with Dept. of Health & Welfare Agency. Chrystal replaces Kassy Perry, who was promoted to deputy communications director in Gov. Wilson's office...

- The CA Indep. Petroleum Assn. moves its operation to Sacto at 1112 "I" Street, Ste. 350, Sacto 95814; (916)447-1177. Making the move were Ex. VP Tom Hunt, PA Dir. Dan Kramer and membership director Shelley Jarvis...

- Longtime L.A. Times editorial writer Jack Burby has called it a career after 44 years in journalism. Burby was the LAT's lead editorial writer on WATER...

- Wayne C. Johnson & Assoc. of Sacto win an "ADDY Award" from the Amer. Advertising Federation for a 60-second radio spot produced for Family PAC on behalf of State Sen. Tim Leslie(R-Sacto)...

- Sharon Diane Joyce has joined San Diego-based Competitive Edge Research & Communications...

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